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AMERICAN YOUTH HONOURS B-P

Boy Scouts build monument on Mount Baden-Powell

To celebrate the jubilee of Scouting as well as the hundredth anniversary of the birth of its founder, Boy Scouts in Southern California have finished a project which severely tested their stamina. They have built a memorial to Lord Baden-Powell at the top of a peak 9389 feet high.

It was a project of long standing. Twenty-four years ago the Scout organisations of Los Angeles got permission from the U.S. Department of the Interior to rename a mountain in honour of B-P. This peak is 75 miles from Los Angeles, in the San Gabriel Range, forming part of a vast National Forest.

In the shadow of numerous other peaks 8000 to 10,000 feet high, parties of Boy Scouts come camping and hiking to their hearts' content in this great nature preserve; and they and their leaders have long felt that their particular mountain should have a distinguishing mark.

About four years ago they decided to build a monument there of rock specimens contributed by Scouting organisations

all over the world. The main problem was to get building materials to the summit from the nearest road, 2500 feet below, the only route from that point consisting of four miles of steep, slippery, zig-zag trail. So this plan was abandoned in favour of a memorial built of a prepared concrete mixture.

HIGHWAY TO A TRAIL

Then, a year ago, fortune smiled on the new plan. A highway was completed through the San Gabriel Range, and it passed the foot of the Boy Scouts' trail to the summit of Mount Baden-Powell, accessible before only by narrow dirt tracks of the forest fire patrol.

More than 2000 Boy Scouts took part in moving the materials for the monument to the top of the trail, each carrying 30 pounds at a time. More than 11,000 pounds of concrete and 3400 pounds of water, as well as wood for the forms, and the necessary tools, were thus carried up on the backs of Scouts. With this labour of love was the B-P monument raised.

It was in the form of an obelisk adorned with brass plaques, and it has a recess in which a copper box will be placed and sealed later on. The box will contain newspaper accounts of the project (including, it is hoped, this very account which you are now reading) together with a list of the names of all who helped to build the memorial.

TWO-WAY RADIO

For the dedication ceremony a small group of Scouts and leaders climbed to the summit of Mount Baden-Powell; and among them was a Scoutmaster who had been present there with Lord Baden-Powell when the mountain was named in his honour in 1933.

Nearly 3000 feet below, at a more spacious place on the trail, several hundred members of the Boy Scout organisation assembled beside a replica of the monument. Two-way radio communication between them and those at the summit enabled both parties to give the pledge of allegiance to the Boy Scout Movement at the same time.



LOST AND FOUND

British and Dutch sailors and merchants visiting the coast of Africa soon after Sir Walter Raleigh introduced tobacco smoking to Europe, appear to have lost some of their pipes in West Africa.

At a place called Asebu, near Cape Coast in Ghana, a number of broken clay pipes, made in England and Holland, have been discovered during recent excavations there. Some of these fragile relics are believed to be as old as the 16th century, which would be during the lifetime of Raleigh.

Would-be potter



Mr. George Wilson of Richmond, Surrey, is a potter, here seen in his studio guiding the efforts of his two-year-old son to shape a lump of clay.

WRONG DATE

In the Lincolnshire village of Killingholme, near the Humber, is a little-known monument to the Pilgrim Fathers. Set up 33 years ago, it records the fact that it was "From this creek that the Pilgrim Fathers first left England in 1609." But the date is wrong.

This mistake was discovered recently by Lieut.-Colonel Waldo Allen, Governor-General of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in America.

When shown the monument he pointed out that the persecuted Pilgrim Fathers, led by William Brewster, first left these shores (for Holland) in 1608, the year after their imprisonment at Boston.

The mistake is now to be corrected by a stonemason.

MINT OF MONEY

The Royal Mint had one of its busiest years during 1956. Nearly 500 million coins were struck and two-thirds of them were for Britain, replacing silver coins which were withdrawn.

Off to the Far South

H.M.S. Protector recently sailed for the Falkland Islands and the Antarctic, where the coastline is to be surveyed and the sea bottom sounded. But it will not be all work and no play, as can be seen from the sports equipment carried by Petty Officer Ray Lander of Southsea. This includes sticks for a rough and ready form of hockey.

NEW TRAIN FOR ROYAL DEESIDE

British Railways will introduce its first battery-driven train next summer. Few train-spotters will be able to add it to their lists, however, for it will run on the 43 miles of Royal Deeside line between Aberdeen and Ballater.

Officially called a railcar, this train will consist of twin-coaches seating 117 passengers, and it will have motors and electrical control gear from Germany, where railcars have been in use for about 40 years. The batteries, weighing more than 17 tons, will be fully recharged every night.

This little train is now being built at the British Railways carriage works at Cowlairs, Glasgow.

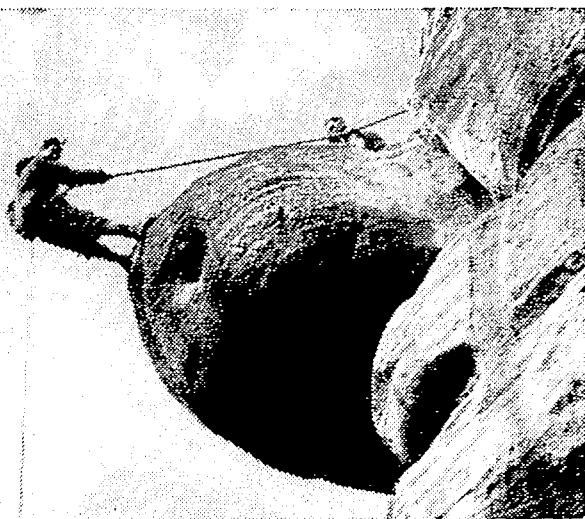
GOLDEN KEY OF TEWKESBURY

Tewkesbury High Street is to get back the five-foot golden key which was such a familiar sight there until about 20 years ago.

The sign of a locksmith, this key hung from the House of the Nodding Gables, so named because it overhung the street.

Shortly before the war the house was sold and the key came down. But it was not forgotten, and a little while ago Mr. C. J. Turner, member of the local Dickens Fellowship, succeeded in tracing it.

All Tewkesbury will be glad to see the golden key back in position again.



Training on the Rocks

The British Mountaineering Council recently bought the Harrison Rocks at Tunbridge Wells in Kent, and offered them to the Central Council of Physical Recreation for the training of climbers. As seen here, these rocks provide fine training.

AMATEUR RADIO IN ANTARCTICA

THE Australian National Antarctic Research Expedition established its first base in Antarctica just ten years ago, and the young men who sign on for a year's duty in these lonely, frozen wastes have turned to amateur radio-operating as a way of keeping in touch with civilisation.

They have made contact all over the world and their signals are heard regularly in the British Isles. Indeed, some members of the Radio Society of Great Britain have been in weekly contact with them from the beginning.

It is ten years since the Australian Government decided to establish permanent bases in the Antarctic so that a nucleus of trained men would be available for the International Geophysical Year.

The first two bases were established at Macquarie Island and Heard Island. Three years ago the Heard Island station was closed down and a new base set up. It was named Mawson after Sir Douglas Mawson, the famous Australian Antarctic explorer.

Each year the parties have been relieved by the Danish polar ice breaker, the Kista Dan. And every year among the new party there has been at least one, and frequently many more, with the amateur radio licence which gives the expedition a private link with home.

CHESS OVER THE AIR

The hobby has not only made life more pleasant but it has given amateur-radio operators all over the world a new interest in the Far South as well as a chance to chat with the Australians manning the station.

The young Australians have put their hobby to many other uses, too. One year they played chess with Africans at near-by Marion Island and Englishmen in the Falkland Islands Dependencies, using their radio to tell each other their next moves. And last year one of the scientists who came from a small town in northern Victoria spoke to his mother every Sunday.

For most of the time, however,

it has been a means to while away their spare time and keep in touch with events in the outside world. But some of the men they have talked with have been just as isolated themselves. One regular caller is Andrew Young of Pitcairn Island. He is in direct line of descent from the Bounty mutineer of the same name and has operated an amateur radio station on the island for some years.

WEATHER DIFFICULTIES

Operating amateur radio stations in the Antarctic is not easy. Radio blackouts are frequent—often for days at a time. During solar and magnetic disturbances communication is barely possible. Blizzards and roaring hurricanes up to 125 miles per hour have broken dozens of aërials; sudden changes in temperatures have cracked many an insulator.

But despite all these difficulties, amateur radio signals from the Australian Antarctic bases have been heard all through these last ten years.

Now, of course, many other nations have bases in Antarctica for the International Geophysical Year, and amateur radio stations are becoming quite common. The Americans, for instance have one right at the South Pole.

ATOMIC ICE-BREAKER

The world's first atomic-powered ice-breaker is due to be launched soon in Russia. Called the Lenin, this ship will be able to cruise for over a year without calling at a port.

PALMY DAYS AT KEW

Visitors to London will be glad to learn that the famous Palm House at Kew Gardens is to be open to the public again next year.

This great building of iron and glass, overlooking an attractive piece of ornamental water, is over 120 yards long and more than 60 feet high in the centre, so that full-size trees and shrubs can grow. Iron stairs and a gallery make it possible to walk almost among the treetops and gain a bird's-eye, or even a monkey's-eye, view of a tropical forest.

The Palm House has stood here since 1848, and time, not to mention air raids, had seriously affected the iron columns and ribs supporting the huge expanse of glass. The contrast of normal weather outside the building and a steamy, tropical heat inside also took its toll.

Rust has now been scraped off, a special protective coating applied, and extra steel supports provided. New heating pipes for the 2000 specimens have also been installed.

It now remains to put down soil, replant, and get the tropical growths acclimatised in their restored home. The cost of it all will be about £100,000.

Float-suit



A French inventor, Jean Lepape, is seen here with the life-saving suit he has designed. It can be put on in ten seconds and will keep its wearer afloat for at least three days.

WATCH INVENTOR HONOURED

The man who invented the self-winding watch, Mr. John Harwood, of Harrow, has been presented with the gold medal of the British Horological Institute. It was in 1924 that Mr. Harwood perfected a self-winding wrist watch that would not suffer from over-winding and dust and dirt.

He had decided the best way of preventing these troubles was to do away with the winding system. His first watch of this type did not even open at the back. Later this was altered so that salesmen could demonstrate the works.

News from Everywhere

Plans are being made for schools to attend the London Zoo for lecture demonstrations. Advanced courses are also being planned for pupils taking zoology and biology examinations.

A card posted in 1894 has just been delivered by the Vienna authorities. Announcing the birth of a baby, the card was returned to the sender's address, and was received by the "baby" herself, now a grandmother.

AT TWO PIANOS

In a competition for duets on two pianos at the recent Blackpool Music Festival, Lynda and Krystyna Saville, of Blackpool, aged nine and eleven, beat 12 other couples, including adults. Lynda and Krystyna have only one piano for practice at home.

Miss Mary Ellen Shepherd, oldest resident in a Leeds home for the aged, recently won a prize in a handwriting competition. She is 98.

BULL IN A BEDROOM

After a bullock had been missed from a herd at Alvingham, in Lincolnshire, it was found in an upstairs room of an old house.

A copy printed by William Caxton of the Indulgence given by Pope Innocent VIII to people contributing to the Crusade of 1489 was sold recently at Sotheby's in London for £2500. Only four other copies are known.

Membership of the Automobile Association, the largest motoring organisation in the world, reached the record total of two million not long ago. There were fewer than 100 when the A.A. was founded in 1905.

BIG FISH

A halibut weighing 500lb. needed six men to haul it from a trawl at Grimsby, where it was sold for £59. Caught in the White Sea, it was believed to be at least 60 years old.

At Hucknall National School in Nottingham the boys have built their own telescope from odd materials. It magnifies 100 times and is to be used for studying the moon.

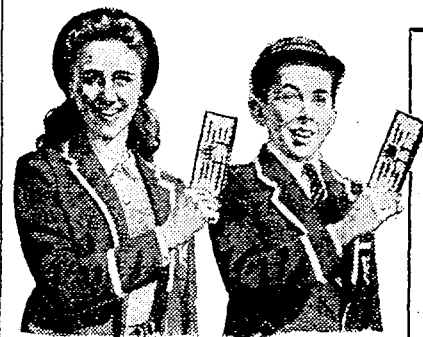
The hoard of 34 Roman coins found by a Kentish man while digging foundations for his new bungalow on the North Downs is to be bought by the British Museum for £653. The coins are the oldest of Roman times yet found in Britain.

A collection of about 30 paintings by Sir Winston Churchill will be shown in various United States cities next year.

KEEPING UP WITH THEIR CHILDREN

Parents of Midhurst, Sussex, schoolchildren have been given lessons in the new method of teaching arithmetic so that they do not use the old way when helping with homework.

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ARCTIC OCEAN

TWO new channels allowing the passage of deep-draught ships have been found in the Canadian Arctic by the patrol vessel H.M.C.S. Labrador. See news columns.

The clocks above show time all over the world. Sunlight moves westward round the Earth, travelling 15 degrees an hour. This means that every 15 degrees east of Greenwich the clock is one hour ahead, and every 15 degrees west is one hour behind.

SWOLLEN SHOOT, the disease which attacks cocoa trees, is practically under control in Ghana. In the past ten years more than 22,450 square miles of plantation in Ashanti, Togoland, and the Western Region have been examined and 60,500,000 diseased trees cut down. Ghana has been the world's biggest cocoa producer since 1910.

BRAZIL, with 65 million head of cattle, is second only to the Argentine as a beef-raising country, and is planning to take the lead. Breeds of cattle are to be improved and more efficient use is to be made of the great ranches, many of which cover hundreds of square miles.

SWITZERLAND may soon have an outlet to the sea. She is now trying to reach agreement with Italy on a canal system which would begin at Lake Maggiore and run across the northern plains of Italy to the Gulf of Venice. See news columns.

LAKE BAIKAL, in Siberia, has been found to be the world's deepest freshwater lake. Soundings were made at several places in the lake (twice the size of Yorkshire), the greatest depth being about 6400 feet. See news columns.

A THIRD GAS WELL has been drilled near Sylhet, in East Pakistan, and already has a daily flow of 15 million cubic feet of gas. This supply can be raised to 100 million to serve industrial areas, and a pipeline is to be laid to Dacca, 145 miles away.

ABOUT 250 MILES of wide-gauge railway track between Melbourne and the Victoria-New South Wales border is to be replaced by a track of standard gauge. The work will take four years. See news columns.

NEW WAYS THROUGH ARCTIC WATERS

The Arctic patrol vessel H.M.C.S. Labrador has found two new routes which will allow deep-draught ships to pass through Arctic regions of Canada.

The first is between Resor and Pike Islands at the south-eastern tip of Baffin Island. It provides a new route from Frobisher Bay through the Hudson Strait into the Foxe Basin area.

The other deep channel is through the Bellot Strait between Somerset Island and Boothia Peninsula. See World Map

BY SUBMARINE TO WORCESTER

The midge submarine H.M.S. Shrimp docked at Worcester quay after a 56-mile trip up-river the other day.

Apart from claiming to have been farther inland than any other submarine, H.M.S. Shrimp can also claim to have been 1000 feet above sea level. This was during her journey from Scotland to Portsmouth by train.

BEEF BY PLANE

Switzerland recently received a shipment of 2000 lb. of fresh beef by air from the Argentine.

The beef, which made the journey packed in dry ice in the nose compartment of a passenger plane, was in prime condition when it arrived at Geneva the following day.

Plans are now being made for Switzerland to receive about 10,000 lb. of "Air-Beef" a month.

AIR-BORNE TUG FOR THE NAVY

At Sandown, Isle of Wight, the Royal Navy recently demonstrated a remarkable new use for its Whirlwind helicopters. To show how these aircraft could aid yachts and other small vessels when their engines fail, the Whirlwind took in tow a 450-ton coastal minesweeper.

From a height of 30 feet and with a tow cable 160 yards long, it pulled the minesweeper for two miles at a speed of five knots.

Similar experiments have been made in the United States, but this was the first time anything bigger than a small open boat had been towed by Royal Navy helicopters.

SKATES FOR CN READERS

Ice or Roller Skates, according to preference, have been awarded to the following readers for their entries in CN Competition No. 25: Stephen Clifford, Bungay; Christine Lloyd, Purley; Eileen Newman, Edinburgh; Anne Nottage, Rochester; and Hilary Pakes, Glasgow.

Autograph Albums for the next best efforts go to: Margaret Arnold, Cambridge; Christine Bantick, Upminster; Josephine Clayton, Stockton-on-Tees; Steven Drewett, Eastwood; Kathleen Ford, Birmingham; Wendy Green, Wymondham; Roger Hoodless, London, N.8; Celia Kenneford, Ruddington; Noreen Shepherd, Pinner; and Frances Wood, Chislehurst.

SOLUTION: A-3. B-4. C-7. D-6. E-5. F-2. G-1.

4000 MILES IN SEARCH OF A BIRD

Two young Oxford zoologists are on their way to Ascension Island, 4000 miles away in the South Atlantic, to seek knowledge of a bird last seen there more than 300 years ago.

Bernard Stonehouse and Philip Ashmole are the advance party of a team of five explorers who will spend 18 months on the island of only 34 square miles. They hope to learn something about the flightless rail, a fabulous bird last seen on Ascension in 1650.

DEEP WATERS

Lake Baikal, the biggest freshwater lake in Asia—it is twice the size of Yorkshire—was once thought to have a maximum depth of about 5745 feet. Now Russian scientists have discovered a huge gap in its bed, and soundings show that the depth in places is about 6400 feet. The gap, named the Olkhon Crevice, is 30 miles long and in places half-a-mile wide.

See World Map

Nigerian Sculpture at Buckingham Palace

A life-size bronze head of a Nigerian girl, by Ben Enwonwu, the Nigerian sculptor and painter, has been bought by the Queen and is now at Buckingham Palace. The Queen saw and admired this piece of sculpture in Mr. Enwonwu's studio in London which she has visited several times this year to sit for a statue for the House of Representatives at Lagos.

CHANGE OF GAUGE

The Australian Government is giving £8 million towards replacing about 250 miles of wide-gauge railway track to allow direct travel between Sydney and Melbourne.

At present passengers have to change at Albury, a junction on the border of New South Wales and Victoria, where the line alters from the standard 4 feet 8½ inch gauge to the broad 5 feet 3 inch line which runs to Melbourne.

A single line of standard track will be laid alongside the broad track from Albury to Mangalore, while the double-track line from there to Melbourne will be reduced to standard gauge. The work, due to start soon, will take four years.

See World Map

By boat from Switzerland to the Adriatic

Switzerland and the Italian city of Milan will be linked by waterway with the Adriatic Sea if a project now under discussion is carried out.

The plan is to cut a 40-mile canal from Lake Maggiore, on the Italo-Swiss border, through the plains of Northern Italy to Milan. There it would join another canal to Cremona, 50 miles away on the River Po, which runs another 100 miles to the Gulf of Venice.

This new waterway, costing about £30,000,000, would take vessels of 1000 tons, and would enable three million tons of goods a year to pass through.

See World Map

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CHILDREN WHO FOUND A STRANGE FISH

SIR MORTIMER WHEELER proved in *Animal, Vegetable, Mineral?* that we can get a lot of fun out of archaeology. And why not natural history, too? From what Producer Barbara Hammond tells me, I think we are going to discover lots of comedy in the story of the coelacanth, the oldest sea creature in the world.

The coelacanth is the real hero in next Tuesday's play in BBC Children's TV. It takes us back five years to the discovery of a coelacanth off the east coast of Africa. The ancestors of this strange fish were swimming in the oceans hundreds of million years ago. It is the only creature dating back so far that is not extinct today.

Shaun Barrett, as Nicko, is seen as a boy who finds a coelacanth before the one off Africa. He shares his secret with two little friends on shore, played by Keith Crane and Verity Edmett. The trouble is that they do not know how valuable it is. "All the

shocks in this play," said Barbara Hammond, "come in the last three minutes."

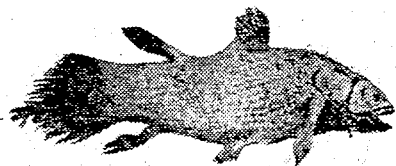
Keith, who is 13, comes from the Corona Stage School and has been seen in several TV plays. For Verity, also 13, this is a first attempt on TV, though she has broadcast in Children's Hour. Verity trained for ballet, but wanted to take up acting when her 16-year-old brother Nicky got a part in a London play.



Verity Edmett

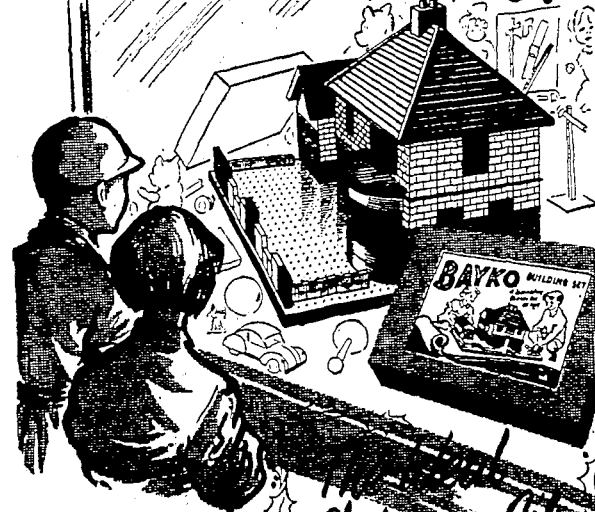


Keith Crane



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Shortage of Careers

"WHAT do you want to be when you grow up?" As a boy I never found this easy to answer, though most grown-ups seemed to think I knew exactly what I aimed to be doing between the ages of 16 to 60. There are so many careers to choose from, and so many a boy or girl cannot possibly know about.

To help young people in this dilemma has always been the object of John Lane's *I Want to Be...* in BBC Children's Hour. The series started in May 1952, and John tells me that about 50 careers have been covered already. They have ranged from civil engineer to hospital nurse, dental surgeon to coalminer, air hostess to doctor, to farmer and pottery worker.

"It looks as if we are beginning to run out of careers," he told me the other day. "If children want to know about any particular occupation and its prospects, I should be glad to hear from them."

A fortnight ago John Lane flew to Aden on a B.O.A.C. Britannia airliner via Rome and Khartoum to get first-hand impressions about the job of a civil airliner pilot.

THE TOY INDUSTRY

In contrast to this, next Saturday's *I Want to Be...* will deal with jobs in the Post Office on international telegraphs, especially the operation of teletypewriters.

How would you like to work in Britain's toy industry? That is the subject on December 7. Frederick Laws, who wrote the script, was told by one manufacturer that toy-making offers "glorious prospects" for boys and girls. The industry now earns £26,000,000 a year compared with only £5,000,000 in 1930.

Laws roamed through one playtime paradise after another, calling at factories making everything from lead soldiers to model racing aircraft.

Australasian Zoo Quest

BEGINNING on November 10, viewers of BBC Television can look forward to six Animal Sundays. David Attenborough and cameraman Charles Lagus are back from Australasia and a trek through New Guinea, and Attenborough will be introducing another series of Zoo Quest.

Most of their quarry were brought to Britain in film form, but there were some live specimens, too—14 assorted birds of paradise, some bower birds, parrots, hornbills, snakes, and a cuscus, which is a sort of tree kangaroo. All these went to the London Zoo, but David Attenborough kept back one little travelling companion, a sulphur-crested white cockatoo called Cocky who speaks broken English. He is a great pet in the Attenborough home, especially with the children, Robert (6) and Susan (3).

Charles Lagus has been spending several weeks editing nearly 19,000 feet of film.

IN HOLY LAND

Filming the story of the Dead Sea Scrolls

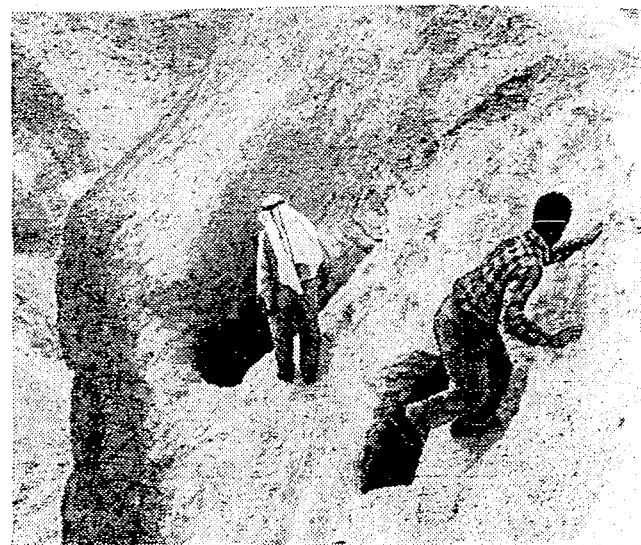
NOT since the Jesus of Nazareth series in television have BBC men had such a wonderful assignment to the Holy Land as came the way of Producer Kenneth Brown and cameraman Donald James. They have just returned from Palestine after tracing the full story of how a Bedouin boy ten years ago discovered the now famous Dead Sea Scrolls, which shed so much new light on stories in the Old Testament. Viewers will see their film in December.

The BBC travellers visited the desert area and examined the hillside cave where the Scrolls were

found, then went to Bethlehem and the shop of Kando, a cobbler, to whom the boy took the fragments, thinking he might be able to sell them.

Film was made in Kando's shop and in the Scrolling Room of the Palestine Archaeological Museum. Then the camera traced the road that cobbler Kando took with the Scrolls from the Damascus Gate to the Syrian Christian monastery in Jerusalem.

As we watch these vivid pictures, the story will be told by John Allegro, a lecturer on Ancient Hebrew at Manchester University.



Openings into the cave in which the Dead Sea Scrolls were found

Life on Long Island

AUDREY RUSSELL, whom we know best as a BBC reporter on sound radio, lives the sort of life that would be wonderful for any girl who loves rushing around and meeting new people and faces every day. Trained observer that she is, Miss Russell never misses a chance of getting two stories for the price of one.

That is why, for instance, children will meet her in BBC Schools TV Spotlight this Thursday. Audrey Russell crossed the Atlantic last month to cover the Queen's visit for sound radio. But after the Royal leave-taking she saw an opportunity to get a good human story in the United States.

With a film unit, she visited the Cash family on Long Island. They emigrated some months ago from Ruislip, Middlesex, so you can guess how delighted they were to

welcome a BBC interviewer fresh from London. The picture, which Audrey Russell will herself introduce from the studio, shows her calling at the Cash home and hearing what it is like settling down in America.



Sailing of the Mayflower II

IF only a Pilgrim Father could have left us a filmed account of that crossing of the Atlantic 337 years ago! The next best thing comes to us in BBC Television this week. Captain Alan Villiers, who only this summer took a replica of the Pilgrim Fathers' ship, *Mayflower*, from Plymouth, Devon, to New Plymouth, U.S.A., will be in the studio in person to tell about the perilous voyage and comment on

the film which was made on board during the crossing.

The programme, first of a fortnightly series called *Sea and Ships*, will first be seen on Thursday evening and repeated in Children's TV on Friday.

Captain Villiers sailed in *Mayflower II* with a crew of 33. Viewers last saw the little ship in a film showing her moored off the New York waterfront when the Queen was in the U.S.

MODEL CARS THAT CAN RACE AT 130 MPH

When we are very young most of us enjoy playing with model cars, taking up a great deal of space and getting in the way of our elders as we send our toys careering round the floor. It is an enjoyment that some people never lose; for instance, the members of Britain's model cable-car racing clubs, who hold the kind of sports meeting described here by a CN correspondent.

FIRST of all, it must be explained that a cable-car is a small model powered by a tiny engine of up to ten c.c. and attached to a cable. The sport is a competition in which cars race, one at a time, round a small circular track, the result being judged on a time basis.

Cable-car racing came to this country from America, where nearly every big city has its club; and when the sport reached Britain in 1945 it was taken up with such enthusiasm that within a few years there were 26 clubs.

From Britain cable-car racing soon reached the Continent, and today Italy, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, France, Belgium, and Switzerland all take part in the European championships.

This widespread interest is not difficult to understand. The



A helping hand for a "slow starter"

engineer, or any other person interested in machines, finds real satisfaction in tuning an engine and making alterations that will coax perhaps that extra mile or

two an hour from his model car.

For the onlooker there is a spectacle not unlike that provided by a race with real cars. They hear the "pits" echo to the roar of engines being tuned (and the noise from the tiny engines can be quite deafening); they see men in overalls working feverishly to overcome any small defects that arise; and they share the owner's suspense as a car fails to start or misfires.

VITAL SECONDS

Every second is vital, for the competitor is allowed only three minutes, from the time he is called to the starting point, in which to get his car under way and to signal to the timekeeper that he is ready. If he fails to get his car started in that time he has to withdraw. But results are judged on the best of two runs, so that if the first is not satisfactory the owner still has time to carry out adjustments and win one of the trophies.

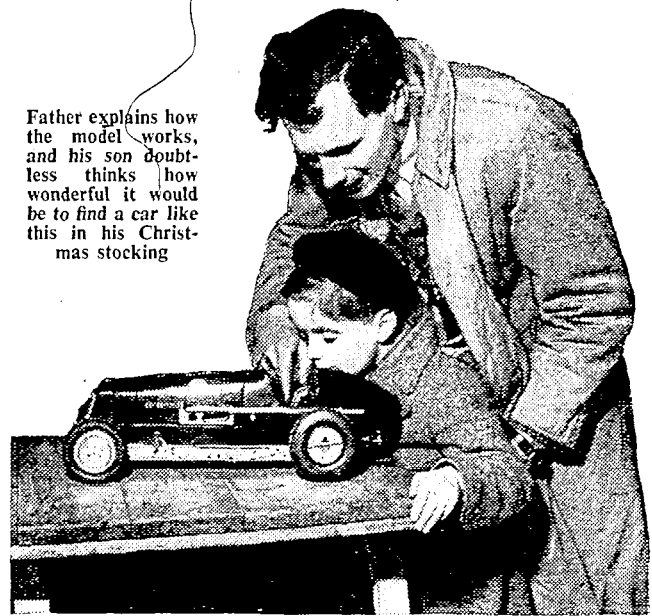
The model cars fall into four classes, according to engine size—1.5 cc., 2.5, 5, and 10. The speeds naturally increase in proportion. The "babies" can reach 77 m.p.h., and it has been known for a ten c.c. car to reach a speed of 132 m.p.h.; this is, in fact, the British record.

MIGHTY MIDGETS

Streamlining and weight are two important factors in design, and for that reason the metal parts are usually of aluminium, and the bodywork of plastic or fibre-glass. Shapes vary considerably according to the engine being upright or on its side. The length of the cars ranges from 14 to 21 inches, and the weight from about 1½ to 6½ lb.

As these mighty midget cars go hurtling round the cement track the strain on the 35-foot cable is tremendous. Yet the cable of the "babies" is only 18-thousandths of an inch thick, and that of the bigger cars 48-thousandths. The breaking strain is over 600 lb.—

Father explains how the model works, and his son doubtless thinks how wonderful it would be to find a car like this in his Christmas stocking



about twice the actual stress exerted when the machines are at full speed.

This great safety margin is for the protection of spectators. In European countries the margin is considerably less, and this is the main reason why Britain no longer holds most of the European records. (An approach is to be made to the controlling body to allow the use of piano wire, which is thin but very strong.)

The distance of the races is usually a quarter of a mile—six laps of the track—although the cars travel much farther than that from start to finish. The start is made by the cars being pushed along the track by a notched stick; but if they do not get away quickly they can be helped on their way by a gentle pull of the cable by a man standing on the platform or pylon in the centre of the track.

The cars start comparatively slowly, with engines running irregularly. But as the fuel is thrown by centrifugal force against the outside of the tank and flows freely

through the jet, the engine takes on an even whine. The car can then travel at its fastest.

As soon as the owner is satisfied that the engine is running smoothly he gives the signal for the electronic timing device to be started. After six laps the time is given to one hundredth of a second and the car is brought to a halt, and quickly, because of the cost of the high-grade fuel used. Although the lower grades of fuel cost only a few pence per run, the nitro-methane needed for some high-powered cars costs nearly 2s. 6d.

The cost of the cars also varies a great deal. A kit with a small diesel-type engine can be bought for about £16; but the price of a bigger car may be well over £50. Many club members keep down costs by making some of the parts themselves. Incidentally, if you are thinking of taking up the sport, there are many enthusiasts who probably have some bits and pieces left over and would be glad to pass them on to newcomers.

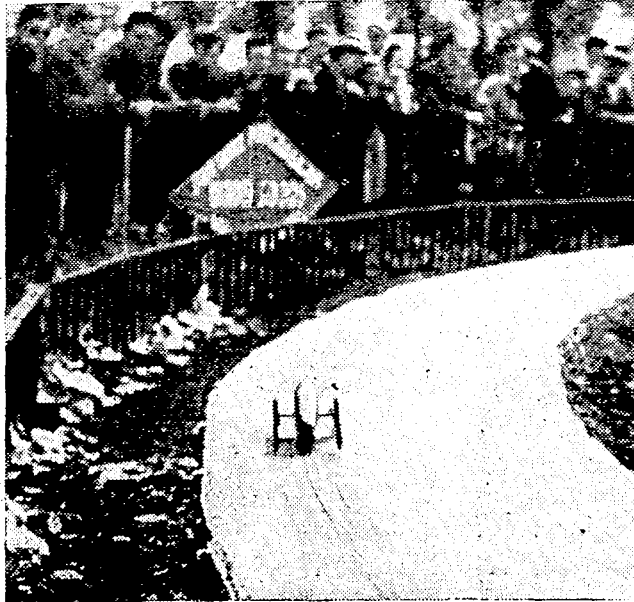
R. B.



Three club members demonstrate the method of starting



Last-minute adjustments on the track



Speeding round at more than 100 miles an hour



Filling up with the special fuel

Children's Newspaper

John Carpenter House
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FOR THE CHURCH OF DICK WHITTINGTON

EVERY British boy and girl knows the story of Dick Whittington, who found the streets of London paved with gold; he is among the immortals. Few know the London church of St. Michael Paternoster Royal, burned in the Great Fire of 1666 and again almost destroyed during the blitz.

But St. Michael's was the church where Dick Whittington worshipped and in 1423 was laid to rest; and for that reason schools all over Britain are being asked to help the fund for its rebuilding.

Dick Whittington was inspired by the merry peal of Bow Bells to turn again and become Lord Mayor of London—thrice. Fittingly, it is the present Lord Mayor of London, Sir Cullum Welch, who is now appealing to young Britain. In a leaflet sent to the schools, he writes: "It would be a grand thing if the children of England and other countries throughout the world who have been brought up to learn English stories and traditions could have a hand in rebuilding Dick Whittington's church."

Those are sentiments which, we can be quite sure, will find ready response in the hearts of British children.

Ever a friend to good causes, Dick Whittington would have rejoiced to know that, more than five centuries after his death, his own good name would be used to further another cause.



OUR HOMELAND

The imposing ruins of Glastonbury Abbey, Somerset

FIVE CANDLES FOR A CENTENARIAN

AN old lady in Auckland recently blew out all the bright candles on her birthday cake—all five of them. There were only five candles, but one of them, bigger than the others, represented 100 years! The lady is Mrs. Emily Aylett, born in this New Zealand city 104 years ago. Except for a few months in Sydney in the 1890s, she has lived there all her life.

On her birthday she had her morning cup of tea at six o'clock, and then got ready for the great occasion. Children on the way to school brought her flowers and birthday cards, and then the Vicar arrived for Communion. Meanwhile telegrams kept arriving.

Afterwards came lunch with a family gathering of her four children, seven grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

A wonderful day for a wonderful old lady!

As good as their word

TWO New Zealanders, Mr. F. Thompson, journalist, and Mr. A. Donovan, schoolteacher, recently honoured a promise they made in jest when they were young harriers at Otago University. The promise was that if they ever met in Europe, they would run the Marathon together.

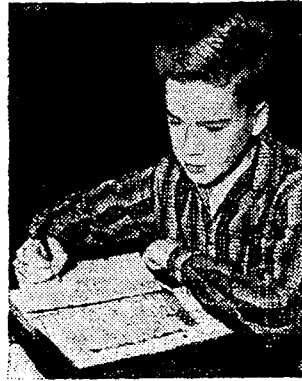
That was many years ago, and when they did meet they were no longer quite so full of youthful energy—nor in training. But they decided they must keep their word, so they set off for Marathon, where the Greeks won the famous battle in 490 B.C., and from there took the road to Athens, 26 miles away.

All along the route they were cheered by astonished Greeks. They waved back, and hiding their mounting distress behind brave smiles, managed to finish the course.

"As far as I'm concerned," Mr. Donovan said afterwards, "it's the end of my running career."

But what a finish in a blaze of glory for both of them!

Lesson at sea



Timothy, 13-year-old son of Commander Harold Wood of the U.S. Coast Guard service, was given permission to accompany his father during a special voyage through Arctic waters; but he still had to do his lessons.

Think on These Things

ONE commandment which Jesus gave to His disciples was that they should love one another. Jesus could give this command because He gave us the perfect example of love. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

On Remembrance Sunday people will be coming to church and gathering round our War Memorials. In the two minutes' silence many of the peoples of our vast Commonwealth will be remembering the great multitudes who laid down their lives in the cause of freedom in the two world wars.

We still live in a free unconquered country. But we need to remember that the freedom we enjoy has been won for us and preserved at a very great cost—the sacrifice of millions of precious lives.

Next Sunday, November 10, is Remembrance Sunday, the day of the year specially set apart for remembrance of all who made the supreme sacrifice. As we pay tribute to their memory next Sunday, let us also remember to be grateful for all the many blessings which they bequeathed to us through that sacrifice.

O. R. C.

THEY SAY . . .

WE cannot afford to let one boy or girl grow up in Britain without developing to the full all the potential talent they have.

Lord Hailsham

I'd like to tell you that Newfoundland is more pro-British than the British.

Prime Minister of Newfoundland to the Duke of Edinburgh

ENGLAND enjoys a unique blessing in her monarchy, and she is proud to share that blessing with so many sister nations.

The Prime Minister

A NICE, juicy, golden kipper for breakfast is scrumptious.

Admiral Sir Frederick Robertson Parham

WHILE driving the largest type of vehicle on our roads, I have formed the opinion that the majority of children have far more road sense in many ways than grown-ups.

Mr. W. Hall, a United Dairies driver

It is still essential for all who make and fashion things to take a pride in true craftsmanship.

Viscount Kilmaur

Thirty Years Ago

From the Children's Newspaper, November 12, 1927

HISTORY will take care of the name of Charles M. Manly, who has died at Long Island, New York, because he stood on the threshold of success when the first machine-driven planes were uncertainly beginning to attempt to rise in the air.

He was with Professor S. P. Langley, who sent the first type of the modern aeroplane on its first flight. Langley's machine (which he called an aerodrome) was first sent up with a dummy, and flew as he expected it to.

Then, in October, 1903, he believed his machine sufficiently safe to take a man up. Manly, who was his engineer and had made the motor, went up; he was the very first man to go up in an aeroplane.

SILENT AUTUMN

I saw old Autumn in the misty morn
Stand shadowless like Silence,
listening
To silence.

Thomas Hood

JUST A FEW WORDS

HERE is an entertaining way to increase your knowledge of words. Each numbered sentence below is followed by three answers or comments you might make; but, in each case, only one is correct and shows that you have understood the meaning of the word in italics. To answer five or six correctly is very good.

(Answers are given on page 12)

- We had many *privations*.
A—Conferences.
B—Privileges.
C—Lack of necessities.
- There is *incipient* rebellion in the party.
A—Just beginning.
B—Not possible.
C—No good will come of it.
- They showed great *temerity*.
A—Nervousness.
B—Recklessness.
C—Indignation.
- His speech was *extempore*.
A—Very brief.
B—Quite unprepared.
C—Stirred all who heard it.
- Their car is *obsolete*.
A—In the way.
B—A ghastly colour.
C—Out-of-date.
- I signalled to him *covertly*.
A—Secretly.
B—Openly.
C—Misleadingly.

Out and About

TORN grey clouds scurried along in the afternoon sky before a wind which could hardly be felt at all at the level of the sandy beach. Some herring gulls, pale and plaintive, glided and swung over the shore and the sea watching for food. Perhaps they hoped for something to turn up that would save them joining a mixed company of herring and other gulls at a broad, shallow pool left behind by the tide.

Food of some kind caused the commotion. A possible catch was a shoal of what are called Fifteen-spined Stickleback, which can sometimes be seen in such a pool. But they would hardly have excited several kinds of gulls around that piece of coast and country where various kinds of food can still be easily obtained.

SAND EEL'S TRICK

By the time we reached the shallow water the gulls had nearly all gone, anyhow, but one of the last to fly off carried a slender fish not more than six inches long. A suspicion that the gulls had been after sand eels was confirmed, when one was noticed just disappearing in the sandy bottom of the pool. This is a useful trick of both the Lesser Sand Eel (also called the Lance) and the Greater Sand Eel, which is about twice its size but not so common. Both species will burrow quickly into sand to escape an enemy.

If our terns had not migrated in September until next spring, some of them would certainly have been feeding at the pool. While gulls will eat almost anything, on the coast or inland, terns feed only on fairly small fish, and seem to have a special liking for the sand eels.

FAVOURITE FOOD

The fact that these narrow, long fish quickly burrow into sea-washed sand when frightened is not the whole story. They constantly do this also during an ebbing tide, knowing that the sand is crowded with various worms, like the lob-worm, for example, which make their own tube-like burrows. Worms are a favourite food of sand eels and if too near the surface of the sand, they are also in danger from some shore birds, like the curlew whose long curved beak is specially adapted for worm-digging.

A visit to the ebb-tide shallows of the sandy beach in the spring may show another part of the sand eel's life. At that time one can often find a pool containing a large number of young, nearly transparent and less than an inch long. They have been hatched there, and any day after you have seen them they may disappear, having gone with another tide down to the sea to grow up.

C. D. D.

JUST AN IDEA

It is belief in tomorrow that makes today's actions worthwhile.

THE LANTERNS OF ST MARTIN

Through the streets by candlelight

BRITAIN has nothing to compare with the St. Martin's Day procession which traditionally takes place in the towns of Western Germany on November 11.

Legend tells how St. Martin was riding one wintry day clothed in a heavy woollen cloak, when a ragged beggar who was in danger of freezing to death called to him for help. The saint at once pulled up his horse, cut his warm cloak in half with his sword and gave one half to the beggar. By this good deed, St. Martin has been remembered down the ages.

So when his feast-day comes round German children from six to sixteen start gathering at an appointed place during the late afternoon. Each one carries a lantern. Directly it is dark, the candles are lit and the procession is formed and moves off. Usually the children walk in groups first of all from the schools, each group carrying its own banner. But any child is welcome.

ST MARTIN'S LIED

The processional route is through the main streets of the town and it finishes up in the centre where as many people as possible can congregate.

St. Martin—seated on a white horse—leads the way with the beggar and the procession takes about an hour to reach the town centre. Over and over again the children sing the St. Martin's Lied (Song), which is not unlike "Good King Wenceslas." The streets are

lined with spectators, and among them are the younger children, too small to walk far, but determined to have their share in the celebration.

Some of the children have scoured the shops for weeks to find a lantern different from anybody else's. Some make their own with a picture of St. Martin and the beggar on each window. Some lanterns are shaped like houses, windmills, or fir trees and one or two will be in the shape of boats. Others are in the shape of the sun with its rays and have a jolly smiling face painted on the outside. But whatever the shape, all are gay and cheerful.

GREAT BONFIRE

The lanterns are not fire-proofed, so it says a lot for their construction that on a very windy evening possibly only one or two go up in flames.

The procession, with its hundreds of twinkling coloured lights, at last reaches its destination and gathers round a great bonfire. Here St. Martin goes through the little ritual of cutting his cloak in half and giving it to the beggar while all the children cheer as loudly as they can.

Then the fairyland of lanterns begins to disperse and St. Martin's Day is over.

£130 for a book of algebra

A book sold at Sothebys in London the other day draws attention to an interesting but almost forgotten man.

He was the Elizabethan scholar, Thomas Harriot, who was engaged by Sir Walter Raleigh to teach him mathematics.

Harriot was later sent out to Virginia with Sir Richard Grenville's expedition in 1585 and made a survey of the territory. He is also said to have fascinated the Red Indians by letting them look through some kind of small telescope or field glass.

The book which reached the auction room was a treatise on algebra by Harriot, and put that ancient branch of mathematics more or less into its present-day form.

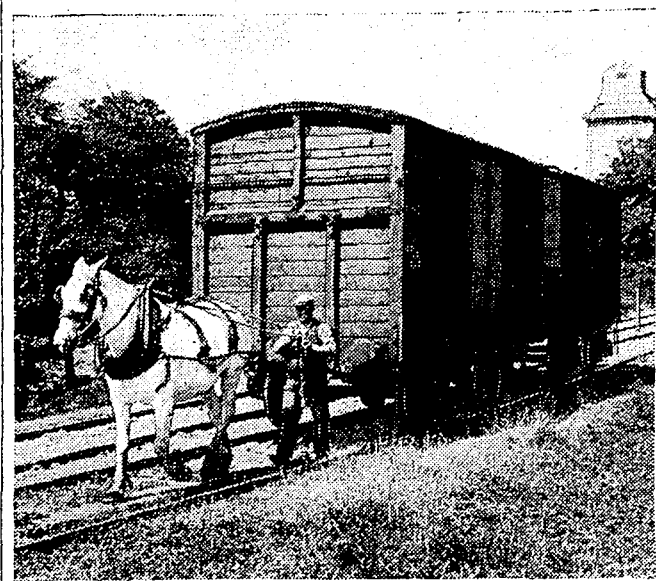
As a collector's piece it fetched £130. But some of our readers may feel that this was rather a high price to pay for something which has been the cause of so many classroom headaches.

CERN WORKS FOR US ALL

Near Genoa stands the headquarters of the European Organisation for Nuclear Research. It is known as CERN, from the French initials of its name.

Unlike other atomic research establishments, CERN is concerned neither with the explosive nor the commercial uses of nuclear power. Scientific workers of 12 nations are there engaged in a long-term programme of pure research, sponsored by Unesco; and their discoveries are immediately made available to the atomic experts of all nations.

ONE HORSE-POWER DOES IT



These two pictures come from Ireland, where the day of the horse as a means of transport is not yet entirely finished. In the picture above, we see Paddy pulling wagons on the half-mile line between a railway junction and the Shannonvale Mills, near Clonakilty in Co. Cork. In the picture below is the last of Northern Ireland's horse-drawn trams, which made its final journey the other day. For 70 years it had travelled the mile between the County Tyrone town of Fintona and its railway station, which has now been closed.



FLYING GROCER

Isolated ranches in Idaho, U.S.A., are now receiving their groceries by air. Housewives telephone their shopping list to a grocer at Hell's Canyon, who makes his weekly rounds in a small plane.

So that the "Flying Grocer" can make a safe landing, each ranch maintains a suitable landing strip 500 to 600 feet long and has a pillow case, denim trousers, or some other garment tied to a tall post to indicate the direction of the wind.

Cat on a cap



Stripy of H.M.S. Starling keeps a sharp lookout. Perhaps someone has mentioned the Dog-watch.

SALVAGING A SHIP AFTER 330 YEARS UNDER THE SEA

SALVAGE teams of the Royal Swedish Navy, with underwater TV cameras to help them, are preparing to raise a warship which sank as long ago as 1628, but is known to be in a fine state of preservation.

She is the Swedish man of war, Vasa, which set off on her maiden voyage in the reign of Gustavus Adolphus, a contemporary of our own Charles I, under whom Sweden became one of the great powers in Europe. But before the vessel reached the end of the long wooded inlet which leads from the city of Stockholm to the Baltic, a squall struck her and she capsized.

At the time this must have been as shocking a disaster as the rather similar one which befell the famous Royal George at Spithead in 1782, over a century later.

The Vasa (her name was that of the family of King Gustavus) may well have been the pride of the royal fleet. She was a 60-gun ship with three decks, and some say that her three-ton guns made the hull top-heavy.

One of the most interesting things about the Vasa from the historian's point of view is that every detail about her building, her crew, and stores has been preserved. There are records of a salvage attempt a few years after

her sinking, when about 17 cannon were recovered.

Other attempts were made in later years, although these were all unsuccessful owing to the lack of sufficiently powerful winches.

The great ship lies in 18 fathoms of water, far out of the reach of tides and winter ice, and during the centuries has become heavily silted over. Many thousands of tons of mud, which have acted as a protective covering, have been pumped away by the diving teams, revealing a hull in an almost perfect state of preservation. The 13-foot-tall figurehead, which perhaps represents the old Viking God, Odin, is still in such good condition that the carved wrinkles round the eyes can be plainly seen.

When the Vasa is re-floated next spring, it is hoped to restore her to her original appearance. Her recovery will be of the greatest interest to historians and archaeologists alike, providing a unique opportunity of studying a ship which has really come back from the dead.

DIVING DUCK GOES WESTWARD

The red-crested pochard, a plump, red-billed diving duck with a chestnut head and a white band seen across its wing when it flies, has been spreading steadily westward in recent years. It is now becoming commoner in Britain, so much so that the Essex Bird-Watching and Preserving Society is conducting a survey.

It is thought that this pochard visits us from Holland and Denmark, arriving in the autumn. In recent years it has been seen most often at the Abberton reservoir, near Colchester, where as many as 21 were noticed there last November, and this autumn 16 appeared there. It is certainly a new bird for most bird-watchers to expect elsewhere in the country, and it has penetrated as far west as Devon in recent years.

In many places, however, tame red-crested pochards are kept on ponds and lakes among other waterfowl, and these, in time, may fly away, confusing the inquiry into the wild bird's steady colonisation of our countryside. Nevertheless,

if it is in autumn when you first notice this handsome bird, it is more likely to be a wild visitor, and particularly in the eastern and south-eastern counties.

The main meeting haunts of this duck outside Denmark, Holland, and North Germany are in Mediterranean lands; but with its gradual increase it may nest in some other English county sooner or later, as the collared turtle-dove, bee-eater, avocet, and other birds have done in recent years. E. H.

DO-IT-YOURSELF PILOT

A young Danish farmer, Arne Hollaender, has built his own aircraft and flown it without having a flying lesson!

The farmer built the aircraft—an ultra-light single-seater powered by an adapted Volkswagen car-engine—in a barn at Aarre in Jutland.

Before venturing into the air, he familiarised himself with the plane's controls by making a series of short "hops" across a meadow.

IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK—NOVEMBER 9, 1843

NELSON'S COLUMN COMPLETE

LONDON—The imposing Nelson Column in Trafalgar Square is now complete, and today many hundreds of Londoners have been gazing up at this imposing memorial to Britain's hero who died at the Battle of Trafalgar 38 years ago. The distance from the ground to the crown of Nelson's hat is 170 feet 2 inches.

The statue, which is three times bigger than life, was first placed in the builders' enclosure at the foot of the column, but the public showed such intense interest in it that it was put on view.

Then came the tricky operation



Nelson on the column

of raising the statue. Great timber structures bristled round the column, gradually tapering off at the top. Running down the entire length of the structures was a pulley connected to an engine on a railtrack. The statue itself had to be divided into three sections before it could be raised.

The lower block, the heaviest part, was hoisted six days ago. It was adjusted to the pulley at 5.20

a.m. and did not reach the top of the column until six hours later. Next day work began on the rest of the statue. At last the upper and lighter blocks were hauled up and the whole statue firmly secured in its position.

On the sides of the pedestal at the foot of the column there will be base reliefs in gun metal of Nelson's victories at St. Vincent (1797), the Nile (1798), Copenhagen (1801), and Trafalgar and Lord Nelson's death (1805).

It is now 14 years since the Trafalgar Square scheme was begun and the area near St. Martin's Church was cleared of the slum which covered it. The object was to lay the ground out as an open space to commemorate the Battle of Trafalgar.

STRONG OPPOSITION

A few years ago competitions were held for a design of the Nelson memorial. Despite strong opposition architect William Railton's design for a gigantic Corinthian column dominating the wide square was accepted. Against his critics Mr. Railton argued that the column would keep the entire square in harmony.

A base of 48 feet square of brickwork resting on six feet of concrete 12 feet below the ground was constructed and on September 30, 1840, the foundation stone of the column was laid. It was a granite block, weighing 14 tons.

Mr. E. H. Bailey, R.A., was commissioned to sculpture the statue of Lord Nelson. The public wanted the figure to be cast in bronze, but there were not enough funds for that so it was decided to make it of a good durable stone from the Duke of Buccleugh's quarries in Scotland.

(Sir Edwin Landseer's lions were finally placed at the foot of the column in 1868.)



FACED A WHOLE TEAM—ALONE!

SNOW MADE PLAYING CONDITIONS SO BAD IN A MATCH BETWEEN BURNLEY AND BLACKBURN ROVERS THAT TEN BLACKBURN PLAYERS LEFT THE FIELD IN PROTEST...

ONLY THE GOALKEEPER, HERBERT ARTHUR, REMAINED.

THE REFEREE ORDERED BURNLEY TO RE-START THE GAME—ELEVEN AGAINST ONE—WHEREUPON THE LONE GOALKEEPER SUCCESSFULLY APPEALED FOR 'OFFSIDE'. SO, WITH THE SITUATION A DEADLOCK, THE MATCH WAS CALLED OFF. — Dec. 12, 1891.

Sporting Flashbacks

J. GILFILLAN PLAYED IN THREE CUP FINALS—BUT ALWAYS ON THE LOSING SIDE. FOR EAST FIFE (SCOTTISH CUP) 1927 FOR PORTSMOUTH (F.A. CUP) 1929-1934



ORIGINALLY A HALF BACK, HERBERT ARTHUR WENT INTO GOAL IN AN EMERGENCY AND DID SO WELL THAT HE WON THREE F.A. CUP MEDALS AND FIVE INTERNATIONAL CAPS FOR ENGLAND IN THE SPACE OF THREE YEARS (1884-5-6)

CRUSADERS IN THE POST OFFICE

The Post Office Christian Association, founded at Kingston-on-Thames 80 years ago, has ended a vigorous crusading week in London. Many distinguished people took part, including the head of the Post Office, Sir Gordon Radley; the Rev. David Sheppard, Sussex and English Test cricketer; and Iain Clayre, who stroked Cambridge in the last Boat Race.

Every evening men and women telephone operators, counter clerks, sorters, postmen, telegraphists, engineers, mail-van drivers, Savings Bank officials, and

administrators at all levels met in the Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street, near St. Paul's Cathedral, and heard well-known people speak on "What Christ means to me."

During the week some 2000 Post Office people attended, coming straight from their duties to listen to the speakers and to various choirs that assisted. This first crusading week by the Post Office Christian Association was led by the Rev. Howard Kensit, who was a Forces chaplain during the last war.

have thousands of members. Each year a conference is held to which over a hundred delegates come.

"In August," he continued, "I attended the German annual conference at Hanover and 87 delegates were present. Two members came from the Eastern Zone of Germany. Our movement is international and covers the Commonwealth and is active in countries like France, Greece, Portugal, Japan, South America, and Mexico."

OLD CITY FOUND

A young archaeologist, Miss Beatrice de Cardi of Kensington, has discovered the site of a prehistoric walled city in Baluchistan, Pakistan's frontier province with Persia.

Her expedition, made with the help of the Pakistan Government's Department of Archaeology, took ten weeks, and she travelled about 4000 miles.

The party went some of the way on camels and had to turn back at one point because the drivers were scared of going into hostile tribesmen's territory.

The expedition has been sponsored by the Royal Asiatic Society.

PRAYERS IN OFFICES

The secretary of this organisation is a young man named Ernest Raisey, who used to work in the Post Office. He has an office on Ludgate Hill within the actual shadows of the great Cathedral of St. Paul's. The membership of the Association includes some 600 sub-postmasters throughout the country, and every week prayer meetings and Bible studies are held in more than 70 offices when the day's work has been done.

Said Mr. Raisey to the CN: "The object of the Association is to promote Christian Fellowship and extend Christ's Kingdom. We

SQUIRREL IN THE BOOT

A motorist ran over a squirrel in a busy Worcester street and, assuming it to be dead, put it in the boot of his car to bury when he got home.

But on opening the boot he found the squirrel to be very much alive. In fact, it disappeared behind the panelling of his car, and was there for five hours until men from a garage were able to release it.

Then, apparently none the worse for its adventures, the squirrel went for another car ride—this time to be released in the countryside.

THE WHITE COMPANY—new picture-version of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's stirring yarn (9)



After leaving Bordeaux, Sir Nigel crossed the French border and at an inn met the unknown knight of the tournament, who proved to be the famous Bertrand du Guesclin. He was resting at the inn with his wife. Sir Nigel was delighted to find he had fought so notable a champion, and Bertrand welcomed him heartily. Later, the Guesclins and Sir Nigel's party travelled on to the castle of Villefranche.



The Seigneur of Villefranche was glad that the English knight had come to rid him of the White Company, who had been waging a private war against him. But the Seigneur's peasants were plotting rebellion, and that night they stealthily entered the castle and slew him and most of his men. Roused in time, Alleyne, Sam, and Hordle John ran to help Sir Nigel and Bertrand who, side by side, defied the mob.



After a stern fight Sir Nigel, Bertrand, and the three Englishmen cleared the Hall, but the rebels had set fire to the castle. Looking through a window, the survivors saw the peasants making merry in the courtyard. Then a French squire, who had escaped the slaughter, arrived and suggested that the little party, with Bertrand's lady, should make for the keep of the castle, which the flames had not reached.



The small party of survivors, with the lady in the middle, made their way to the door of the keep. At first they were not noticed in the general confusion outside. But at the keep door the French squire found he had brought the wrong key! Then the mob saw them and surged towards them with a roar. It was impossible now to return for the right key, and the little group stood at bay.

Has Sir Nigel's party any hope of entering the keep? See next week's instalment

NO CLUES FOR THE CONWAYS

by Geoffrey Morgan

Brett Hallam, owner of the yacht *Windfall*, has disappeared, and after Amos and the Conways have salvaged his vessel they are told by Blake, a London reporter, that she might not be Hallam's boat. Jerry sets out to trace the owner of a similar yacht which could have been faked to resemble *Windfall*, and at the same time he discovers that Blake is an impostor. Jerry decides to phone Dr. Weston, whom he has traced as the owner of *Domino*, a yacht of the same type as *Windfall*.

9. News about Blake

WHILE Jerry went into Thameford village to telephone Dr. Weston, Jane cleared the table and washed up. Amos sat quietly in the saloon smoking his pipe and going through a bundle of freight papers. Jane joined him later, and she idly watched the smoke from the skipper's pipe curl up and disintegrate around the hanging lamp. Then she suddenly put down her magazine and leaned on the table.

"Shall we be through loading tomorrow, Amos?" she asked quietly.

"Hope so, Jane." He folded the papers. "There's not much more to come. We should be under way before lunch."

Jane nodded. "Wonder how Jerry's coping?" she mused. "Dr. Weston lives at Witham and according to Mr. Stebbin's last information, the *Domino*'s moored at Mersea. If we've got to try to take a look at the yacht we won't have much chance if we're sailing tomorrow."

Wait and see

"Let's wait and see," Amos smiled. "You and Jerry can always slip down to Mersea by road from Penfole Creek. I expect we shall lie there several days."

"Sure," she agreed without much enthusiasm. "We could do that."

"Moreover, there may be some news for us at Dilwyth from the Receiver of Wrecks."

"I hope they have been successful in tracing Mr. Hallam. It would sure clear up the mystery." Jane suddenly raised her head. "There's someone on the jetty," she announced. "Must be Jerry." She ran to the companion and heard Jerry's call as he dropped lightly to the deck.

As he came down the ladder

and into the light of the saloon, she could see by the gleam in his eyes and the flush of colour pinkening the tan of his face, that he brought exciting news. Amos turned from the table and noted his mate's expression, too.

Jerry paused, beaming at them both, his thumbs raised in triumph.

"Luck's working with us," he said. "Domino's been sold to an owner on the River Bly."

"She has?" Jane exclaimed. "Whereabouts on the river?"

"Not far from Dilwyth apparently."

Amos carefully knocked the ash from his pipe. He smiled at Jerry.

"Sounds as if you handled



Jane pointed to the picture

things well, Mister Mate," he said. "What happened?"

"It was a walk-over," Jerry was exuberant. "I got through quickly enough, but Dr. Weston was out. I spoke to his son—a chap about my own age, I'd say—and he was very helpful when I'd said my piece. Told me his father had sold *Domino* about two months ago. I asked him if it was to a local owner as I'd still like to see the yacht, and he offered to try to rake up the particulars."

The new owner

"Was she still unregistered?" Jane wanted to know.

"At the time of the sale. He didn't know, of course, whether the new owner had done anything about it. After a few seconds he came back on the line to tell me that the new owner was a Mr. Bland, who lived at Seeley Hall on the River Bly, near a place called Thandon. I thanked him and rang off."

Jerry paused only to take a breath. "On my way back I tried to recollect what I knew about Thandon and, of course, it's the old Roman town with the ruined castle about eight miles north of Dilwyth." He crossed

to the chart locker and after a brief search through the map section, brought a map of Suffolk to the table and spread it out. "The hall might actually be named on here."

Three pairs of eager eyes followed the contour lines of the coast and the River Bly.

"Here's Dilwyth and Penfole Creek," Amos pointed out. "And Thandon, just up here—see?"

"Sure—look . . . isn't that the name Seeley—there?" Jane put her finger on a spot at the edge of the river.

"Yes, that's it, Jane. See . . . it's actually marked—Seeley Hall." Jerry raised his head. "So it's between Thandon and Dilwyth."

Amos was measuring off from the scale with a pencil.

"About three miles from the village," he said. "And not more than a couple from Penfole Creek."

Looking for Domino

"And we're sailing there tomorrow with a load for Farmer Robinson," Jane reminded them.

"Couldn't be more convenient, could it?" Amos said with a grin. "We won't have far to move; just keep our eyes open for the *Domino*."

The sun was sinking behind a ragged cloud bank when the *Mirelda* entered the River Bly. It was a narrow, shoal-infested entrance, but going in near the top of the tide and under the moderate breeze, the navigation presented no difficulties to Amos. The banks on either side were low-lying for the first half-mile up from the coast, then the terrain changed to gently-rising, tree-clustered slopes and shallow hillocks which formed an attractive backcloth to the fringe of marsh just behind the river walls.

Heaving the lead

As twilight approached the breeze almost died away and they were in the lee of the rising ground, but the tide and the occasional puff filling the sails brought them off Penfole Creek an hour before darkness.

The *Mirelda* glided into the narrow, twisting waterway and Jerry took up the lead-line and made soundings.

"Plenty of water, skipper," he called aft. "Nearly three fathoms."

Amos nodded, setting his course for the small landing-stage thrusting into the water from the star-board bank. "Get the mains'l off her," he ordered at length.

Jerry dropped the coiled lead-line on the hatch and he and Jane ran forward to the brail winch. The sound of it pierced the stillness and set to flight the wild-fowl nesting in the marsh.

By the time the sail was neatly

braided only a few yards of water separated the *Mirelda* from the stage, and in the next few minutes all three were too busy reducing the remaining canvas, getting alongside and mooring up, to notice the Land-Rover moving towards them along a cart-track linking the distant farmhouse with the landing-stage.

Jerry and Jane were securing the mooring lines when the vehicle pulled up and a middle-aged man stepped out and waved them a cheery greeting. The stranger had a robust thick-set figure and a pleasant weather-beaten face, and although from his dress of shiny leggings, breeches, and hacking jacket the Conways assumed him to be Mr.

Robinson, he introduced himself as Walter Preston, the farm foreman.

"Mr. Robinson's away for the night," he explained to Amos. "He'll be down to see you in the morning. Meantime, I thought I'd come over and see if you wanted anything."

"That's very kind of you, Mr. Preston," Amos said gratefully. "But I don't think so. We shall be snug enough here."

"Well, Mrs. Robinson saw you come up and insisted I bring some milk and eggs and a couple of lettuces." He smiled. "She thought you'd be glad of fresh supplies."

Amos expressed his thanks

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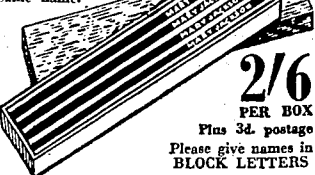
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NEWS FROM THE ZOO

BAD-TEMPERED NEWCOMERS

SPECTACULAR new arrivals at London Zoo are ten giant land crabs from British Guiana. About a foot across, the crabs are edible and were intended for human consumption. But a Georgetown dealer rescued this consignment and sent them over by air.

Now on exhibition in the insect house, the crabs are feeding ravenously on a curiously mixed diet of fruit, dead leaves, and horse meat.

"The crabs are causing us anxiety, as they are very bad-tempered, and are quick to fight," Overseer George Ashby tells me. "Too much of this could be serious. Each crab has a large claw for fighting, and another much smaller claw for conveying food to the mouth. When two of the crabs fight, each tries to bite off the small 'feeding claw' of its rival, knowing that if it can succeed, the victim must die. So far," added Mr. Ashby, "there have been three casualties. We are keeping close watch on the others and separate them the moment they seem about to do battle."

BLACK CRICKET

Another interesting newcomer to the insect house is the noisiest the Zoo has had for some time. It is a large black field-cricket, found at the London docks among a cargo of foodstuffs from Italy.

"We have had none of this type of cricket here lately," said Mr. Ashby. "It is a male, and is going to attract a lot of attention—its high-pitched chirrup can be heard all over the house."

"The cricket makes the noise by stridulating—rubbing the wings together—and also by scraping the legs against the wing-cases. It starts up usually in the late afternoon and carries on more or less throughout the evening. Most crickets create a sound so high-pitched that few human ears can

detect it, but these are usually the smaller house-crickets."

All being well, the Zoo should have some baby Greek tortoises on show before the end of the year. The other day a visitor brought into the reptile house three eggs which, she said, had been laid in her garden by her pet tortoise.

The eggs have been placed in the incubator in the reptile house laboratory. There, buried in sand in a temperature of 80 degrees Fahrenheit, they will remain until they hatch.

TIME OF HATCHING

"When the hatching date is we do not know," said Overseer R. A. Lanworn. "The incubation period for tortoise eggs varies with the temperature, but is never less than one month. The most likely date will be early December. Meanwhile, the eggs will not be disturbed—it is most important that they should not be moved once incubation has begun. If the eggs are fertile, the babies will be about 1½ inches long on hatching. Their first meals will consist of lettuce heart, tomato juice, and flower petals."

At the birds-of-prey aviaries there is a new and interesting exhibit. This is a Tengmalm's owl. The bird flew on board H.M.S. Wizard when the destroyer was 70 miles west of the Lofoten Islands. Caught by a member of the crew, the owl was placed in a structure on deck and became very tame.

"Tengmalm's owl is a species we have not had on show for many years," an official told me. "It is a Scandinavian type and much resembles the British Little Owl. It is comparatively rare and would, I suppose, be worth about £10 a specimen. We are keeping the owl at the birds-of-prey aviaries, there being no room at the Owlery."

Craven Hill



Cebu the cheetah

Julie Quinn of the Belle Vue Zoo in Manchester makes friends with a newcomer, Cebu the cheetah. On the way from Africa, Cebu jumped overboard but luckily the ship was able to turn round and the reckless swimmer was quickly rescued.

UPSIDE-DOWN STAMP

A book of postage stamps recently bought in a Scottish post office for 3s. 9d. is likely to fetch several hundred pounds before long. But it is no ordinary book, for under one sheet is an extra 2d. stamp printed upside-down.

The purchaser took the booklet back to the post office, intending to return the stamp, but was told that it would only cause confusion in the accounts and that he should keep it.

Later, at a friend's suggestion, he sent it to the London Stamp Exchange, where it is to be auctioned next month.

This specimen of upside-down printing, known to the collectors as tête-bêche, is believed to be only the second, since stamp booklets were introduced over 50 years ago.

No clues for the Conways

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again and all three accompanied Mr. Preston to the Land-Rover. The Conways took the two bottles of milk, the box of eggs, and the lettuce which were wrapped in newspaper. Jerry put the milk in the little deck larder while Jane took the other items below.

In the galley she unwrapped the paper and was about to wash the lettuce in the bowl when a picture in the newspaper caught her eye. She glanced at the heading and noted it was that day's issue of the Thandon Chronicle, then she stared again at the photograph of the wrecked car. The radiator and front wings were trying to embrace the trunk of a tree into which the car had crashed. There was something familiar about the car and she quickly read the brief report in the next column. She spun round and called urgently to Jerry.

"Just coming," he shouted, and a few moments later appeared. "Hallo—what's bitten you?" he asked, surprised by her dazed expression.

"That." She pointed to the picture. "It's Blake's car, and he's in hospital. He's a private detective."

To be continued



Just a little donkey

This little donkey was born at Whipsnade Zoo recently. Jill Impey, supervisor in the Zoo's Children's Section, runs a tape measure over him to find that he is barely two feet high.

SPORTS SHORTS

In an effort to improve her speed and stamina, Christine Truman is undergoing a course of special exercises arranged for her by Geoffrey Dyson, the A.A.A. chief national coach. The series of exercises are most exhausting, but Christine Truman is so determined to become England's No. 1 woman tennis player that she is treating them as seriously as she would a match on the Centre Court.

Baseball boy



We recently published a photograph of four young American boys who are members of the Bushey Park (Middlesex) Dodgers, one of the teams in the Little League of the Anglo-American Youth Baseball Association. This photograph is of a CN reader, Bruce Bridges, one of the English members of the Bushey Park Cubs, in the same league.

ENGLAND'S amateur international footballers will be in action on Saturday, when they visit Bangor to meet Wales. This will be the 42nd meeting between these amateur sides, but the Welshmen have won only three times, with four games drawn.

Full speed ahead for Leo

NOTHING was further from his mind than sporting fame when Leo McAuliffe gave up his job down the coal mines three years ago to join his uncle in a London garage.

By way of amusement Leo dropped in to watch speedway racing at Wembley Stadium. His immediate reaction was: "I would like to try that." Despite the fact that he had never even sat astride a motor-cycle, he got into touch with Wembley's international star, Eric Williams, and soon showed remarkable talent.

Last season he joined Eastbourne in the Southern Area League amateur riders who race purely for the love of it, and went on to win the League individual title at his first attempt. This year he joined First Division Birmingham until they closed down. Back in the S.A.L., he again won the title.

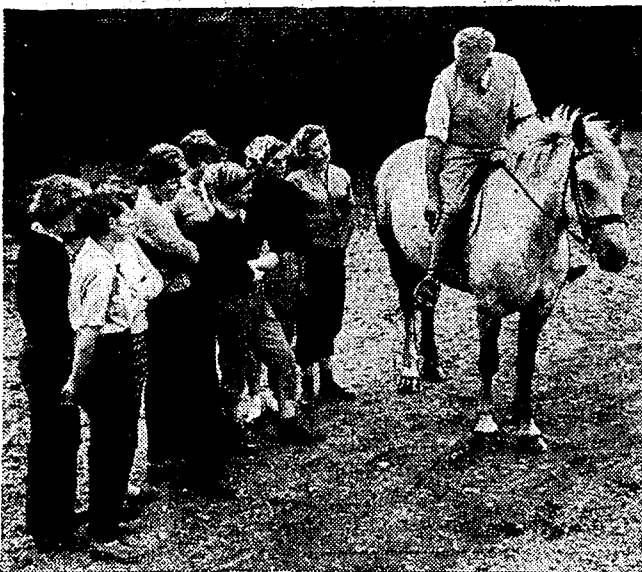
"Now it's full speed ahead for the First Division," says Leo.

BRITAIN'S two greatest soccer stadiums will stage international matches this Wednesday. At Wembley Stadium, England meet Ireland, while at Hampden Park, Glasgow, Scotland play the second leg of their World Cup tie with Switzerland. The Scots won the first leg 2-1 at Basle last May. So far as the England and Ireland match is concerned, the Irishmen have won only four of the previous 64 games between the two countries. Their last victory was in Belfast, in 1928.

D. F. MEINEKERT, of Durban, recently performed a remarkable rowing hat-trick in the South African championships. He rowed in the Grand Eights, the Stewards Fours, and the Senior Single Sculls, and won each event. He came to England two years ago, and spent a season with the London Rowing Club.

BEFORE he returned to South Africa, Gerald Walsh, who came to this country to run in (and win) the London-to-Brighton event, set up two world records. At Walton (Surrey) in a special track race, Walsh beat two records—40 miles in 4 hours 4 minutes 34 seconds, and 50 miles in 5 hours 16 minutes 7 seconds. In the same event, Arthur Keily, of Derbyshire, set up a new English native record for 40 miles, and Ron Hoppercroft, of Thames Valley Harriers, bettered the previous English native record over 50 miles.

NORMAN READ, who emigrated to New Zealand a year ago and won an Olympic walking gold medal, returned to this country a short time ago. But he was about to return to New Zealand again, for he could not find a job which enabled him sufficient time for training. Now he has found just the job—as a milkman. After walking several miles on his morning round, Norman has plenty of time for more walking in the afternoon.



Hints on riding

Several girls are taking an Outward Bound training course at the National Physical Recreation Centre at Bisham Abbey. Here some of them are seen receiving riding instruction.

BRIAN PHELPS is one of Britain's outstanding divers—but he was too young to enter the English Schools competition held the other day. Brian, who was 13 on April 21, was just three weeks too young to compete. Yet he is the English senior plain diving champion, junior champion, and an international.

Special cheer for the teacher

"GOOD OLD CHARLIE!" call the schoolboys as Charles Mortimore, the Woking and England amateur centre-forward, trots on to the field on Saturdays. For the rest of the week,



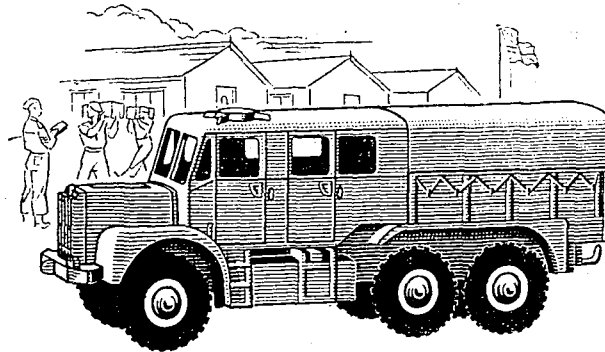
however, it is: "Yes, sir. Very good, sir." For Charles is a schoolmaster. Last season he represented Surrey, but previously he had played for Hampshire, who now require only players from clubs in their area. "I made about 25 appearances for them," he told a CN correspondent. "To mark the 21st, they presented me with a set of gold cuff-links."

He sometimes has difficulty getting time off for mid-week County matches. "Maybe it is because I play for Surrey and am employed by the Hampshire Education Authorities!" he joked.

His younger brother, John, is also a soccer player and schoolmaster, playing for Chelsea. Only 21 years old, he plays as a professional.

EARLIER this year 20-year-old Janet Ruff of Basingstoke broke the British 440 yards track record. Now she has been awarded the Lord Hawke Trophy for the best performance of the year.

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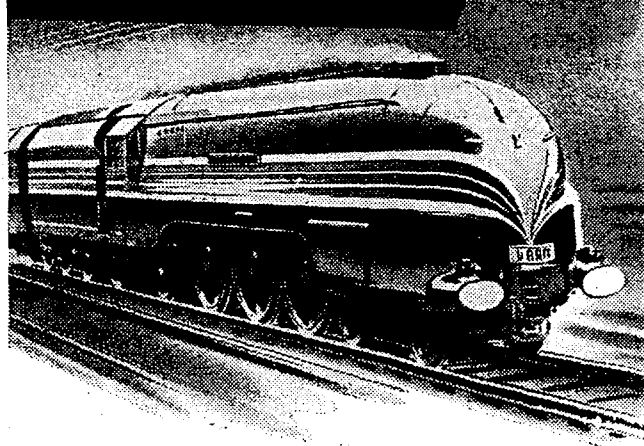
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DAD: Fighting again, eh? I've told you always to count ten before doing anything rash.

Son: I did, Dad, but Bobby Smith only counts up to nine.

NO SUCK-CESS

THERE was a young lady named Topp. Who from sucking her thumb could not stop; Her mother and dad Thought the habit was bad. So they bought her a huge lollipop.

NONSENSE LIBRARY

THE Wood by Teresa Green.
High Walls by P. Pover.
The Stolen Money by M. T. Purse.
Another Cup by I. Drinkwater.
Footprints on the Sands by C. Shore.

SCHOOLBOY HOWLER

THE zebra is used chiefly to illustrate the letter Z.

SPOT THE . . .

GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER as it clings to a tree trunk, comfortably supported by its strong feet and stiff tail-feathers. The upper parts of its plumage are black and white; below it is of a creamy hue fading to crimson.

The male has a red patch on its nape. It is not so large as the green woodpecker, being about 9½ inches long against 12½.

These birds only bore into trees which are unsound. Food consists chiefly of grubs and their larvae.

LIKELY EXPLANATION

"I must be exciting when you make a dive," said the young girl. "What does it feel like?"
Diver: "It's a sort of sinking feeling."

FAMOUS POETS

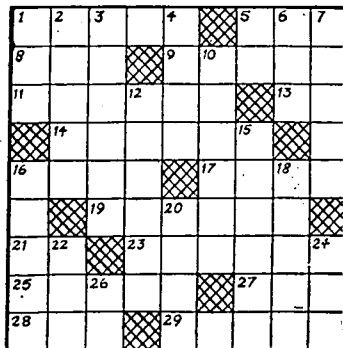
TAKE two consecutive letters from each of the following words to make the names of four famous poets.

BROTH. FROWN. KNITTING. SINGER.
ARROW. GRASSY. FORGETFUL. TINFOIL.
AFTERNOON. TANNERY. RAILWAYS. MONEY.
ADDER. LAUGHTER. MERMAID. BARREL.

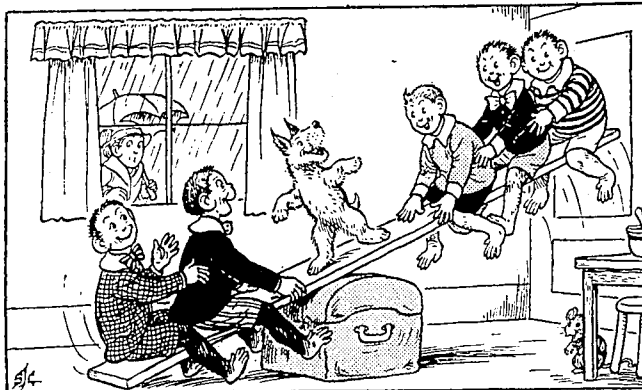
Crossword Puzzle

READING ACROSS. -1 Worries. 5 It may cook your food. 8 Exist. 9 Confess. 11 To rest. 13 Royal Artillery. 14 Son of a brother or sister. 16 Inclination or tilt. 17 Sulky look. 19 Jungle cats. 21 Because. 23 Stopped with a cork. 25 Capital of Tibet. 27 Before. 28 Ocean. 29 Brief.

READING DOWN. 1 Automobile. 2 Place of public contest. 3 Regret. 4 Silken band. 5 George Medal. 6 Atmosphere. 7 Begin. 10 At a greater depth. 12 Science of light in relation to sight. 15 Employee. 16 Don't carry them to Newcastle. 18 Employers. 20 Horned animal. 22 Pronoun. 24 River. 26 Automobile Association.



Answer next week

FUN INDOORS ON A RAINY DAY

It was such a wet day, and while Mother Jacko went shopping Jacko and Chimp were left to amuse Baby and his friends as best they could. Jacko soon had an idea. Calling to Chimp to follow, he went into the loft and found an old trunk. Together they carried it down into the kitchen and there, with a stout plank from the shed, made a fine see-saw. A good time was had by all, much to Mother Jacko's surprise.

BEDTIME TALE**THE RAT WHO MADE A MISTAKE**

IT was on the first cold November day that the Leader of the Robber Rats sent out his messengers along the hedgerows and river banks.

"Tell everyone it is time we went back to the home of man," he said. "We have had a good time out here since spring, but there are no nests left now to rob, and most of the crops we like are gathered into barns. We shall march tonight."

"Shall we go back to the same farm?" asked one of the Scout Rats.

"Indeed, yes. No matter how clever the farmer thinks he has been in stopping up holes in the stone walls, and tracks to the rafters, we are much cleverer than he is. You will soon find a way into the barns where the grain and meal is stored, I know."

Presently, when the rats were all assembled, he gave the order to march. Then, when they neared the farm, he said: "Stop," ordering the Scouts only to go ahead.

It was a long time before they returned. "Man has been too clever for us this time," they said. "We tried all ways, but there really is no way in."

The Leader was furious. "No man is as clever as a rat," he said. "I will go myself."

When he arrived at the farm he saw a great change. During the summer the farmer had replaced the old stone barns with concrete buildings, and the Robber Rat could find no way through them. Neither could he find footholds on the smooth concrete to climb up and through the rafters.

"That leaves the drain," he said. "And no man will have been clever enough to block that."

But the drains had rat proof gratings to them, so that way was barred, too.

Away he had to lead his followers to find what food they could in the fields, while the clever farmer was able to keep his stores free from these horrid robbers.

JANE THORNICROFT.

WHAT AM I?

MY first is in swift, but not in martin;
My second's in snipe, also in robin.
My third is in drake, but not in mallard;
My fourth is in loon, but not in buzzard.
My fifth is in dove, but not in heron;
My sixth is in finch, also in falcon.
My seventh is in lark, but not in linnet;
My eighth is in grebe, but not in gannet.
My ninth is in wren, and also in plover;
My whole's a bird that visits in winter.

WORD SQUARE

The answers to these clues will read the same across as down.

CHEERFUL smile.

List of duties to be performed in a certain order.

One article on a list.
Everybody's label.

The answers to these puzzles are given in column 5

GIVING DAD HIS FAVOURITE DISH

I'M up in my bedroom, I'm in disgrace.
Just because Dad (with a very straight face)
Said his favourite dish
Was ice-cream and fish!

We had ices this afternoon for tea, Mummy, and Daddy, and Billy, and me.

So I spread Daddy's ice-cream all over his kipper!

He got very angry, and reached for his slipper!

I'm up in my bedroom, but I'm not ashamed;

It wasn't my fault, although I was blamed.

I don't understand why some grown-up folk

Say things they don't mean, and think it's a joke.

I don't understand them, they're awfully queer.

I do wish I did—then I wouldn't be here.

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ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

Famous poets. Browning, Rossetti, Tennyson, De la Mare
Name the fish. Plaice, eel, roach, chub, halibut—perch
Catch question. Sealing wax
What am I? Fieldfare
Word square. C R I N
R O T A
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JUST A FEW WORDS

1. C Privation is the state of being deprived of something, to the point of hardship. (From Latin *privatio*, a taking away—*privare*, to make single or bereave.)
2. A Incipient means beginning; coming into being. (From Latin *incipiens*—*incipere*, to begin.)
3. B Temerity means rashness; unreasonable contempt for danger. (From Latin *temeritas*—*temere*, rashly.)
4. B Extempore means sudden; done on the spur of the moment. (From Latin *ex*, out of, and *tempore*—*tempus*, time.)
5. C Obsolete means gone out of use; antiquated. (From Latin *obsoletum*.)
6. A Covert means covered; concealed. (From French *courir*, to cover.)

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HE had had a narrow escape in the swimming pool.

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